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CTC ALLOCATES \$101 MILLION TO EXPAND STATE'S ECONOMY AND IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION

CENTRAL COAST – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) today allocated \$101 million in funding to 90 projects to improve transportation statewide.

“From one end of the state to the other, transportation projects are providing jobs and improving mobility for people and businesses in California,” said Caltrans Director Cindy McKim.

Highlights of the project allocations include:

- The City of Paso Robles will receive \$350,000 for the Charolais Corridor Multi-Use Trail and Restoration Project. This project includes a multi-use trail and storm water improvements.
- The City of Pismo Beach will receive \$125,000 for the beautification of U.S. 101. This project includes the planting of almost 300 trees adjacent to the highway.
- The Trust for Public Land in Santa Barbara will receive \$350,000 for the Ocean Meadows Resource Lands Acquisition project. The project will include the acquisition of 63 acres within the Devereux Slough watershed for wetlands restoration, protecting oak trees and the planting of new trees.

Caltrans District 5 worked with SLOCOG and SBCAG to deliver these important community projects.

The CTC also approved the first phase of the Interstate 805 Managed Lanes North in San Diego County as the ninth design-build project under landmark state legislation (SBX2 4) signed in 2009. The legislation provided for a pilot program for the design-build method of procurement, which combines both design and construction into one contract to expedite the construction process and potentially reduce project costs. The I-805 Managed Lanes North project will be built in five phases at a cost of approximately \$615 million. Caltrans anticipates the project will be completed nine months earlier using design-build. The expedited construction schedule will bring more jobs to San Diego County sooner than expected.

For information about all projects that received allocations please visit:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/docs/ctcprojectallocationsmarch2011.pdf>